

Adani response to questions from 7.30. 5 June 2019

1. Adani Australia CEO Lucas Dow has previously said there will be 1500 direct jobs and 6,700 indirect jobs at the Adani Carmichael coal mine during the construction phase. What will be the number of ongoing direct jobs at the Adani Carmichael coal mine once construction has finished and production is underway?

*"The Carmichael Project was redesigned last year to be a 10 million tonne per annum mine and 200km railway, which will see 1,500 direct jobs and 6,750 indirect jobs created during ramp up and construction. Job numbers for operational open cut coal mines of a similar size in Queensland employ up to 1,800 people and support up to 8,000 additional jobs in supporting industries. The Carmichael mine and rail operational roles will be within this range – with the required operational role numbers at any point in time being dictated by such things as production volumes, geology, rostering patterns, equipment sizing amongst other parameters. Importantly, every role created with our Project is a job that would not otherwise exist in regional Queensland."*

2. What financial benefit does Adani estimate the Carmichael coal mine will provide to the Queensland economy?

*"The Carmichael mine will generate billions of dollars in royalties and economic benefits for Queensland over the life of the mine."*

3. Environment group Coast and Country alleges that the site work shown in this Adani Facebook video <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=358850834720944> shows stage two works which it claims violates the environmental authority in place at the time the work was performed. What is your response?

*"All works conducted onsite are legal and in line with our stage 1 approvals, including all footage and imagery in our own videos which we regularly share on our social media channels. The claims made by Coast and Country have no factual basis and are nothing more than an attempt to damage the reputation of Adani and the Carmichael Project."*

Environment group Coast and Country allege it has new video footage, satellite imagery and still photographs which show significant ground disturbance at 19 locations on the Adani Carmichael mine site over 2.7544 hectares conducted in March and April 2019 which includes clearance of new access roads, site pads, clearance of potential black throated finch habitat, use of drilling equipment and development of water storage in violation of its environmental authority. What is your response?

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4. Coast and Country has written to Queensland's Environment Minister and the Department of Environment and Science requesting an investigation into the allegations and an environmental protection order by issued to immediately stop work at the mine. What is your response?

*“Adani Mining has not been advised of any formal investigations into its operations being undertaken by the Department of Environment and Science at the request of Coast to Country. If an investigation was underway, the regulator would have formally notified us.”*

5. Professor Brendan Wintle is the chair of the independent expert scientific panel engaged by the Queensland government to review Adani’s black throated finch management plan. Professor Wintle has said he is concerned that Adani’s plan which has been approved by the Department of Environment and Science does not provide adequate protection to the black throated finch. Mr Wintle says without trials of the 33,000 hectare offset habitat area proposed by Adani there is no scientific evidence that the birds can successfully relocate and survive. What is your response?

*“The Black-Throated Finch Management Plan has been reviewed and approved by scientific experts in both the Australian and Queensland Government following a robust two-year assessment process. The very purpose of delivering the Black-Throated Finch Management Plan is to ensure the finch’s survival and we take our advice on it from the scientific and technical experts responsible for decision-making within the process.”*

6. Professor Wintle has said taking away the crucial stronghold of black throated finch habitat on the Adani mine site could lead to a “precipitous decline” and “I think extinction is a very real possibility.” What is your response?

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7. Adani is currently having its Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems Management Plan considered by the Department of Environment and Science. Environmentalists claim the GDEMP should not be approved if Adani cannot identify the source aquifer (s) which feed the Doongmabulla Springs. What is your response?

*“The Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan has been through a two year approvals process, including reviews conducted by preeminent organisations such as CSIRO and Geoscience Australia. The Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Management Plan has now been approved by the Federal Department of Environment and Energy, and we await final advice and approval from the Queensland Government as well.”*